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BRIDGEPORT—For the second consecutive year, Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut, which provides home care services for residents of 50 cities and towns in Fairfield, New Haven and Litchfield counties, has been named one of the top home care providers in the nation. That acclamation comes from a software manufacturer with strong ties to the home care industry and the national trade organization for home care providers.

The '2007 Home Care Elite' designation is a result of the sponsors' review of federal Medicare Compare treatment data on all home care providers across the nation. The program sponsors review information on overall quality of care, quality improvement over the past year and financial performance. The top 25% of all providers across the nation receive a home care elite designation. The initiative, sponsored by the OCS Software Company and the National Association for Home Care, was started in 2006.

"We are very pleased that our organization has maintained its elite status," said VNS of Connecticut President and Chief Executive Officer William F. Sullivan, Jr. "It is indicative of the hard work VNS staff do every day to ensure that we are providing the highest quality care for our patients. The fact that this designation is based on the results of Medicare data is especially telling, as our geriatric patients are, for the most part, our most complicated cases requiring the greatest degree of staff time and expertise."

VNS of Connecticut's heart disease management program has produced significant results for patients and agency staff members have been asked to present details of the new program at national and international conferences later this year. Heart failure is the number one diagnosis among VNS patients. The agency is one of the leading providers of home health services for Connecticut's geriatric population.

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Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut is one of the state's largest non-profit home health care organizations, serving residents of 50 cities and towns in Fairfield, New Haven and Litchfield Counties. VNS provides a comprehensive range of services including skilled nursing care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medical social work and home health aide assistance. VNS Specialty Services include Hi-Tech Home IV Therapy, Wound Care, Psychiatric Nursing, Pain Management, Palliative Care, Nutritional Counseling, Elder Care Planning. The VNS Hospice at Home Program™ provides comprehensive home care for terminally ill patients and their families. VNS affiliate, Partners in Care, offers live-in and sleep-in home health aide services as well as companion services for those who are housebound. For more information, visit our website at www.vnsct.org.

